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SUBJ: ECG AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM -- VIEW FROM

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REF: BRUSSELS 7300

SUMMARY: IN DISCUSSION SEPT. 27 WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS, UDAGPA AND KATAKURA (DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR RESPECTIVELY, RESOURCES DIVISION, FONOFF) PROVIDED FOLLOWING RUNDOWN OF STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM (IEP) AS SEEN FROM JAPAN'S VANTAGE POINT. END SUMMARY.

1. SEPT. 19-20 ECG MEETING RESULTED IN AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF IEP IN MANNER WHICH SEEMS TO TAKE CARE OF JAPAN'S PARTICULAR CONCERN, I.E. THAT IEP BE ESTABLISHED ON BASIS OF OECD COUNCIL DECISION. THIS IS ONLY BASIS ON WHICH GOJ CAN JOIN.

2. FONOFF EXPECTS THAT FINAL WORDING NOW BEING WORKED OUT IN BRUSSELS WILL SATISFY JAPAN'S REQUIREMENTS. ONCE THAT HAS BEEN DONE (PRESUMABLY MIDDLE NEXT WEEK), FONOFF WILL BEGIN PROCESS OF CONSULTATIONS AMONG INTERESTED MINISTRIES AND KEY DIET MEMBERS. AFTER THAT STAGE COMPLETED GOJ CABINET WILL AUTHORIZE GOJ TO MAKE COMMUNICATION DESCRIBED PARA 2(D) REFTEL TO BELGIAN GOVERNMENT.

3. JAPAN WILL NOT TAKE FINAL STEP OF FORMAL ACCESSION TO IEP DURING SUCCEEDING SIX MONTHS BECAUSE DIET APPROVAL WOULD BE REQUIRED. ARTICLE 68 OF DRAFT AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, GIVES GOJ THE MEANS TO AVOID SUCH NOTIFICATION, I.E. IT WILL REMAIN A MEMBER UNLESS OTHER MEMBERS OF NEW AGENCY WHICH HAVE FORMALLY ACCEDED VOTE THAT JAPAN CANNOT PARTICIPATE.

4. GOJ RECOGNIZES THAT IT WILL FACE QUESTIONS ON IEP IN DIET. GOJ TACTIC IN DIET WILL BE TO POINT OUT THAT RATIFICATION NOT REQUIRED, HENCE DIET APPROVAL NOT REQUESTED. IF NOT IN OTHER CONTEXT, DIET QUESTIONS WILL COME UP IN CONTEXT OF LEGISLATION GOJ WILL PRESENT EARLY NEXT YEAR ENABLING JAPAN TO MOVE FROM 60 DAY STOCKS TO 90 DAY STOCKS. GOJ WILL INSIST THAT LANGUAGE ON 90 DAY
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